

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for effecting recording on a recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

a carriage for carrying a recording head and being scanningly movable in said apparatus;

a platen for supporting a recording medium at a position opposed to the recording head;

a guide shaft, disposed upstream of the recording head with respect to a feeding direction of the recording medium, for guiding a scanning movement of said carriage;

a belt, provided at a same side as said guide shaft with respect to the recording head, for transmitting a driving force to said carriage;

a guide rail, provided at a side opposite from said guide shaft with respect to the recording head in the feeding direction, for guiding the scanning movement of said carriage;

an encoder scale, having a record of information relating to positions of said carriage with respect to the scanning direction, for determining information relating to a position of said carriage; and

an encoder sensor, provided on said carriage, for detecting the information relating to the position of said carriage with respect to the scanning direction, said encoder sensor being disposed at a side opposite from said guide shaft with respect to said recording head in the feeding direction.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the recording head is detachably mountable to said carriage, and said apparatus is provided with a casing having an opening for detachably mounting the recording head to said carriage.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising a head set lever for mounting and demounting of the recording head relative to said carriage, and a latch engagement portion for engagement with a latch portion of said head set lever.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said latch engagement portion is disposed at a lateral side of said encoder sensor with respect to the scanning direction of said carriage.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said carriage is provided with a cover portion for covering said guide rail.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said head set lever is supported on said carriage for rotation substantially coaxially with said guide shaft.